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Mr. Oliver Potts, Director
Office of the Federal Register
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Potts:

**RE: EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072; FRL-10018-11-OAR
RIN 2060-AS50**

Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) review of the air quality criteria and the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM), the Administrator has reached final decisions on the primary and secondary PM NAAQS. With regard to the primary standards meant to protect against fine particle exposures (i.e., annual and 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards), the primary standard meant to protect against coarse particle exposures (i.e., 24-hour PM₁₀ standard), and the secondary PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ standards, the EPA is retaining the current standards, without revision.

The 5-year statutory deadline for the review and the timing of this document is consistent with that goal of reaching a final decision on the PM NAAQS effective before December 31, 2020.

Therefore, we request Emergency Publication on (or before) December 28, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact me by email at franks.martin@epa.gov or FRLiaisons@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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